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by "Mugleston, Brad" <brad.mugleston@gwl.com>
61) [94155] OPERATING - USS Kidd
by Jim Giammanco <giamman@rouge.phys.lsu.edu>

Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2001 17:02:16 -0700
From: "Draper, Bruce L" <draperbl@sandia.gov>
To: "'QRP-L'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94095] RF gain mod for K1?
Message-ID: <9A4B2157EFDBE546BECD68C62AC3B1C882DDB7@es05snlnt>
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There was a lot of discussion here on the QRP-L reflector a few weeks ago about the merits of using the RF gain control to improve copy. It's something I do when operating CW on ANY radio in any price range, and its effect is sometimes amazing. I just ordered a K1 for this summer's backpacking trips, and I see that it doesn't have an RF gain control. Have any of you designed an easy RF gain (or AGC threshold) control mod that I can incorporate while building the K1?

-Bruce AA5B

Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2001 18:56:53 -0600
From: Don KC0GMF <donkc0gmf@juno.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [94096] Laura Halliday VE7LDH , WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
Message-ID: <20010313.185656.-479449.0.DonKC0GMF@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello Laura,

My subspace translator is in the shop. Would you be so kind as to translate:

"Que les nuages soient notre pied a terre..." - Hospital/Shafte

Thaaaaaank Yooooooooou,
Don KC0GMF
"CW, the Boot Camp of Amateur Radio"
DonKC0GMF@juno.com

>Laura Halliday VE7LDH "Que les nuages soient notre
>Grid: CN89mg pied a terre..."
>ICBM: 49 15.042 N 122 59.053 W - Hospital/Shafte

Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2001 18:59:06 -0600
From: "Stuart Rohre" <rohre@arlut.utexas.edu>
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94097] New single chip Direct Conversion receiver and a query to the group
Message-ID: <000d01c0ac21\$f83e8900\$4e100a0a@rohredt2000>

Trade Press item: Infineon has announced a new single chip DC receiver.

Circuits such as this and double balanced mixers, etc., come out frequently now for the wireless (microwave) trade.

Has anyone had any experience using these mixers or DC receiver chips at HF?

After all, the NE602 was originally meant for much higher bands than the HF bands where we use it often.

72,

Stuart K5KVH

Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2001 19:01:52 -0600
From: "Jim Gelbort" <jamesgelbort@worldnet.att.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94098] Re: RF gain mod for K1?
Message-ID: <002801c0ac22\$5c2d1da0\$6500a8c0@me1>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Bruce,

The K1's attenuator serves that purpose.
Just think of it as a "binary" RF gain control.

Jim N9WW

----- Original Message -----
From: Draper, Bruce L <draperbl@sandia.gov>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2001 6:02 PM
Subject: RF gain mod for K1?

> There was a lot of discussion here on the QRP-L reflector a few weeks
> ago about the merits of using the RF gain control to improve copy.
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> control mod that I can incorporate while building the K1?

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> -Bruce AA5B
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Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2001 20:35:49 -0500
From: Rick Sealey <rsealey@northstate.net>
To: rerobins@email.uncc.edu
Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94099] Re: JPS NIR-12 DSP unit info wanted
Message-ID: <4.1.20010313200629.00989c60@mail.northstate.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi Rick,

Considering that was a \$350.00 piece of equipment, I'd say you got yourself quite a deal.

JPS Communications (Raleigh, NC), whose primary business is commercial/government/military related, was instrumental in pioneering high-end, commercial grade DSP audio filters for the amateur radio community until not too long ago. I'm sure it was difficult for them to sell outboard DSP filters when most medium grade and higher transceivers had them built-in.

I own several DSP units including an NIR-12. This was their top model. The noise reduction capability is effective and the auto-notch feature excellent, though I'm not sure it's of much benefit to a CW operator. My favorite feature, however, is the audio bandpass filter which has a continuously variable center frequency of 200Hz to 3400Hz in 50 Hz steps. And a bandwidth that's continuously variable from 50Hz to 3400Hz in 50Hz increments, and continuously brick wall, too. I bought mine primarily for chasing non-directional beacons on Low Frequency, for which it has proved to be excellent.

The manual is still available as a .pdf file from their site at <http://www.jps.com/amateur.html>

Just click on the NIR-12 link.

You're right - built like a tank!

Rick - W4SEA
High Point, NC

At 01:30 PM 03/13/2001 -0500, you wrote:
>I bought a JPS NIR-12 at the Charlotte Hamfest Saturday. I wasn't too

>familiar with the unit, but for \$50 it seemed like a bargain considering I
>paid \$29.95 for a RS DSP.

----- SNIP -----

>Does anyone have any experience with the NIR-12?

----- SNIP -----

>Thanks in advance and 72,

>

>Rick kf4ar

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Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2001 19:55:18 -0600
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
To: jamesgelbort@worldnet.att.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94100] Re: RF gain mod for K1?
Message-ID: <3AAECF86.CAC2AC82@att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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I recall that the Heathkit SB-303 receiver used a 600-ohm pot directly in the antenna input circuit as a continuously variable attenuator to prevent overloading the tender input stage(s). Made a very effective "r-f gain control." No reason why such an outboard resistive attenuator cannot be added to any receiver for equally effective results. I made up an outboard arrangement like that to use with my Drake R4C receivers later on to great advantage.

Curiously, as I recall, it turns out that it doesn't matter how you connect the pot into the circuit - input to the top and output at the slider or vice versa.

LLFPB and all that.

72/73, George W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas QRP-L 1373 NETXQRP 6

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Icom IC-756PRO #02121 Kachina #91900556 IC-765 #02437

Jim Gelbort wrote:

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> Bruce,

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> Just think of it as a "binary" RF gain control.

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 07:13:22 +0530
From: "TRI" <vu2tri@yahoo.com>
To: <plburbank@kih.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94101] Re: Air variable capacitor value
Message-ID: <000101c0ac2a\$ed8e3e20\$4f30003d@t0k9l4>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Dear friends,
Please let me know PIC based simple memory Keyer.
Anil VU2TRI

vu2tri@yahoo.com

Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2001 22:14:05 -0500
From: Radioham <radioham@home.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94102] For Sale - Dual Band HT and HT Scanner
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010313221053.00a0b6e0@netmail.home.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

No initial interest = lower price -

Yaesu FT-470 dual band (2 + 440) HT, with 2 year old FNB-12 12V 600MAH large capacity battery, Anli dual band rubberized 15" antenna, FBA-17 AA battery pack (empty), NC-18B charger, soft pouch case and manual. Full 5 watts out at high power, 2 watts at low power. Dual band monitor capability. Good physical condition, works very well - intermod fix done by Yaesu and new lithium backup battery installed 2 years ago.
\$180 plus shipping.

Sony Wavehawk ICF-SC1 scanning receiver - 25 - 1300 MHz (less cell), AM, WFM, NFM, 300 memories, rubber duck, earphone, wall wart, manual and original box. In as new condition, less than 4 months old, rarely used.
\$110 plus shipping.

Steve, N4EUK

Reston, VA

Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2001 21:16:48 -0600
From: david gauding <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94103] UN7MO on 14.006 @ 0320Z
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010313211450.00ac20f0@bbs.galilei.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

UN7MO on 14.006 @ 0320Z

Nick in Kazakhstan - 569/579 into Midwest

Using Argo 515 and 2 watts to St. Louis Quickie Vertical

Good luck,

de dave, NF0R nf0r@slacc.com

Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2001 21:35:06 -0600
From: Nick Kennedy <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
To: "'elawson@lawson-philpot.com'" <elawson@lawson-philpot.com>, Low Power Amateur
Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94104] RE: 500 v. 250 Filter Question
Message-ID: <01C0AC05.79580740.nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Seems like 500 Hz is getting trounced by 250, so I'll have to jump in and bolster up the 500 Hz forces a bit.

I guess there's a lot of subjectivity involved. I operate nearly 100% CW, and on my fancy expensive transceiver, I use the 500 Hz filter most often. Sometimes when the band's not too crowded I use the 2.1 kHz SSB filter--I like that 'open' sound. Occasionally (10% of the time), I crank in the 250

Hz unit. So they're all useful.

When I'm tuning the band, I prefer the 500 to the 250, otherwise I'd have to tune slower to avoid missing a signal. Likewise, calling CQ in a contest I might miss an answer if I'm using the 250. (No matter how much we zero-beat pursuits lecture and scold the heathens, they still answer off frequency.)

Often, when there's close-in QRM, it's so dead-on it doesn't matter what filter I use. But not always--sometimes the 250 is just what the doctor ordered.

As some have pointed out, higher speed CW can get blurred in a narrower filter. Also, static crashes can ring in that thing like a ball-peen hammer whacking the sides of a 55 gallon drum.

So when buying a new rig, I'd go for the 500 as a necessity and the 250 as a nice luxury item if I don't mind spending some extra bucks.

72--Nick, WA5BDU

-----Original Message-----

From: elawson [SMTP:elawson@lawson-philpot.com]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2001 1:57 PM
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
Subject: 500 v. 250 Filter Question

I am confronted with the problem of whether to install a 500 or 250 Hz crystal filter in a new Icom 718.

Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2001 21:41:11 -0600
From: Nick Kennedy <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
To: "'wa8mcq@erols.com'" <wa8mcq@erols.com>, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94105] RE: Magnetized baluns and bad HW-8 cores
Message-ID: <01C0AC06.53052040.nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Good to see you step out and claim those interesting articles, Mike.

Another writer pointed out that they are available on a Heathkit web site. For those that don't FTP, Ron, KE6RS sent me this info:

On the subject of bad HW-8 cores, I believe a copy of the article you

mentioned is found at:

<http://www.qsl.net/kk4kf/heathkit.html>

There are two links on that page labeled "Bad HW-8 Cores" The article is in two parts.

Thanks, Ron (and Mike)--

72--Nick, WA5BDU

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Czuhajewski [SMTP:wa8mcq@erols.com]

Said WA5BDU,

"...I don't have any heavy duty texts on the subject, but my Amidon book and a few others mention saturation and overheating but I didn't see anything about permanent changes. The main thing I recall, and someone else mentioned, was permanent changes in cores in HW-8s. For the life of me, I can't find the article--or was it a QRP-L thread? I looked through my old QQs and QRPps with no luck. Anybody got a pointer to the article(s)?"

Being the author of that, it's my business to keep a pointer :-). All of the above was in the QRP Quarterly a number of years ago, scattered across at least two issues.

Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2001 23:04:02 -0500
From: "Joe Everhart" <n2cx@voicenet.com>
To: "njqrp" <njqrp@njqrp.org>
Cc: "qrpl" <qrpl@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [94106] Atlanticon beacon kit enhancements
Message-ID: <001c01c0ac3b\$eb80ab20\$5e5647d1@n2cxtoy>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Group,

I have a bunch of suggestions for folks to personalize and enhance their PSK31 beacons for the Atlanticon competition. In the next week or so I will share some ideas.

While you all are waiting to receive your kit, there are some other things you can work on.

The first thing you can start on is thinking about a unique enclosure. Previous construction competitions at various QRP construction competitions have shown a whole spectrum of creative and unusual structures in which folks have built their projects.

They have ranged from professional-looking plexiglass cases to custom fired pottery table top radio look alikes, in addition to the ubiquitous min, tea, coffee and other food tins. The most outstanding often have some connection with the project at hand but with a twist.

What can *you* do with a warbling beacon? Hmmm birds and lighthouses come to mind... And since the processor evolved from the PIC microcontrollers, perhaps something that is "picked" like a banjo or a fruit is suitable.

And that's barely scratching the surface!

I can hardly wait to see the unusual and outstanding creations you all will come up with. And mine will probably be ugly!

Joe E
for the NJQRP club

Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2001 22:51:11 -0500
From: "Joe Everhart" <n2cx@voicenet.com>
To: "qrp1" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Cc: "njqrp" <njqrp@njqrp.org>
Subject: [94107] Warbler passband too high?
Message-ID: <001b01c0ac3b\$eac80980\$5e5647d1@n2cxtoy>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
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Gang,

Someone wrote me recently asking about a problem they noted with their Warbler. It's passband was too high in frequency.

Alas I inadvertently lost the message. Will that patient person please e-mail me again so that I can help them?

Joe E.

Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2001 23:18:45 EST
From: n5ib@juno.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.edu
Subject: [94108] OPERATING - USS Kidd
Message-ID: <20010313.221451.7519.5.n5ib@juno.com>

Here's an advance warning...

I have a late exam to give tomorrow so might sneak off to the Kidd in the afternoon. for some QRP fun.

Check e-mail for a post to the list, probably not before 1830Z., for timely details if you'd like to try to work the ship. Operation most likely 1900 - 2230 Z.

Might make a quick pass around 28440 ssb, but then drop down to 14060 cw. Maybe even 10116 cw. If I hear more than one call at a time I'll make short QSO's, otherwise prepare for me to bend your ear about the ship :^))

72
Jim N5IB

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Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2001 23:44:53 -0500 (EST)
From: <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>
To: "qrp-L@Lehigh.EDU" <qrp-L@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94109] Reducing Dipole Leg Size
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.4.05L.10103132344090.23242-100000@vh1.min.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I've re-written the reducer.bas program that calculates how to reduce the length of dipole legs to incorporate a print out function.

You can download reducer.zip, which requires gwbasic from

<http://www.zerobeat.net/drakelist/download.html>

73

thom

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Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2001 22:59:58 -0600
From: david gauding <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94110] Holiday Milliwatt Contest / Tnx - KL-QRP
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Good morning,

Yesterday, I received a delayed (wrong mailbox) and very handsome certificate from the Knightlites QRP Association for Third Place in the 2000 Holiday Milliwatt Contest.

The certificate is signed by Contest Chairman AE4IC. Bob Kellogg created, promoted and managed this three day event. Started in 1999, it will hopefully continue as an annual operating challenge for our milliwatters.

Needless to say, I'm pleased with the new wallpaper and wish to express my thanks and appreciation here to KL-QRP for providing it. I expect my third place finish in the individual section was a distant one. That undoubtedly a fair judgement after finding out who finished in front of me. But, I'm not complaining! <g>

Making a point here that you don't need a lot of radio or antenna to compete in contests, including the milliwatt events. I ran 50mW to 10mW which really isn't a lot of power.

My rig was an old (c.1980) Argonaut 515. The antenna was a portable St. Louis Express Vertical on a ground-mount.

The SLX uses a loaded ribbon cable radiator. For this contest the shortened vertical was resonant on 40m and tuned remotely for 20m.

The ground radial system was nine St. Louis Radials with all conductors cut to 16.5' or an 8th-wave on 40m, the lowest design frequency.

There wasn't a lot of rig or antenna to work with but the combination seems to go well together.

With this in mind, just jump right in there with what ever you have on hand for the next milliwatt contest and swat it out with everyone else. You'll have lots of company and probably have a good time too.

Good luck,

de Dave, NF0R nf0r@slacc.com

Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2001 23:39:17 -0600
From: david gauding <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94111] P49V on 14.003 @ 0548Z
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010313233657.02b835e0@bbs.galilei.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

P49V on 14.003 @ 0548Z

Aruba - 599+ into Midwest - listening up 1.

Using 2W with SLQ vertical and Argo 515.

Good luck,

de Dave, NF0R nf0r@slacc.com

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 01:02:27 EST
From: WD6BOR@aol.com

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94112] QRPTTF from Sonoma Hamfest
Message-ID: <29.11c21b49.27e06373@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The Valley of the Moon ARC will be operating QRPTTF April 28 from our annual hamfest here in beautiful Sonoma Valley, California. We will be operating from the back side of the Veterans' Memorial Building in a recent excavation that has uncovered some startling artifacts suggesting evidence of life not of this world. Either that, or the pancake batter has taken on a life of its own.

We will be operating our usual QRP demonstration station near the regular calling frequencies and would also like to operate PSK-31 on the Warbler frequency, if the rules can be amended to allow that.

Look for us using W6AJF, our club call and the callsign of the late Frank Jones, VOMARC Honorary President in Perpetuity.

CU there.

72, Darrel, WD6BOR

Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2001 22:34:26 -0800
From: Bruce W Thee <kk7om@nvgbell.net>
To: Qrp-L <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [94113] Elecraft K 2
Message-ID: <0GEAIPOALELMABGHPJHMEIGCCAA.kk7om@nvgbell.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

I just completed K 2 no 1705. I installed the SSB unit, the ATU, the NB and the internal battery. Just completed the batter install tonight. The rest has been tweaked and tuned on Spectrogram, scope and calibrated against a counter. The unit is in mint condition. I just like building them. My cost in the unit is \$931, below which an offer will not be accepted. You may however, offer as much more than that amount as you wish ;-)

Thanks.

Bruce, KK7OM

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 02:12:23 -0500 (EST)
From: Bob Patten <n4bp@bc.seflin.org>
To: SOC Reflector <soc@qth.net>
Cc: Elecraft Reflector <elecraft@qth.net>, QRP-L Reflector <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [94114] SOC Marathon Sprint, N4BP
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.10103140228.A29140-01000000@bc.seflin.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Not much participation this time around but pleased to work a few diehards:

4-bands: N9NE

3-bands: AF4LQ, K8CV, K8KFJ, W6EU, W1PID, K0CO, AA7EQ

Band QSOs Mults

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40 7 7

20 37 28

15 29 21

10 15 13

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TOTAL 88 69 Score: 154,560

Used the K2 on a gel cell, TH7 & 402BA for ants

73,

Bob Patten, N4BP

(0 0)

Plantation, FL

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E-Mail: n4bp@bc.seflin.org

Web Page: <http://www.qsl.net/n4bp>

Brass Pounder BBS: (954) 472-7715

QRP ARCI #3412

FISTS #7871

ARS #799

SOC #1

Whiners #6

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 02:18:26 -0500 (EST)
From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
To: <bmurrey@amexol.net>, <david.sarrafa@paonline.com>
Cc: QRP List <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94115] Re: Air Variable Capacitor Value
Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.4.33.0103140129080.55203-1000000@u1.abs.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I am picking up a bit on the tail end of this thread, but I thought that it was very interesting and thought that i would add a few cents worth of comments myself.

We often forget about the basics of things, but a lot can be learned by playing around with things just such as this particular subject. I find it particularly interesting to hear how others solve the same problem with greatly different techniques.

I see that David has given several very good suggestions. I particularly like the grid square approach to estimating the AREA of The Plate.

As I vaguely recall, you need not be concerned about the Shaft area. Just Trace the Shape and size of one of the Plates onto a bit of tracing paper and then transfer that to your grid square paper. I have also tried just the tracing paper, then filled in the area with seeds, salt or Rice all touching, then re-arrange the same grains into a square form and measure.

If you use Davids method, I'll bet you find the two to be very close. Of course, You can eat mine when you are done. :^)

The Fixed (Stator) plates may be a little more difficult to measure, although they will likely come out to the same area any way.

Here are a few tips on ways to measure the Plate Spacing. I just went down stairs and got out the digital micrometer for a few quick measurements to check myself. My standard Business Card measured .010" (Ten-Thousands of an inch) A Fresh \$1.00 U.S. Currency measured .002" Standard Notebook paper (#20 I think) was .001-.002 " When Used in the key vise it is closer to .001" (Compressed). It is a quick temporary adjustment used when cutting keys. One or two bits of paper between the key and the vise raises a worn key to make it closer to original. If to tight, just put in one piece of paper and trim it down another .001"

Sorry, I forgot this was not locksmith schooling. :^)

Any way With simple card stock, and/or a few fresh dollars, you can get a reasonably accurate estimate of the capacitor spacing.

Just for grins, 1 cent measured about .060" 10 cent coin .050-.055" a 5 cent coin measured .070" These were new coins, but the variance is in the part of the surface area measured.

Of course, you can just stop by your favorite auto store and pick up a "Feeler Gauge" and make some rather accurate measurements of the spacing

of the plates.

Still it is handy to know that you can use something handy like a few bucks to do the same thing.

I always used the Dollar Trick to Adjust My Key Contacts. It also works to clean them a bit. that or Plain Bond Paper.

Now that all this has been said and done, I still don't think we have heard a good description of the Variable Capacitor in Question.

Where did it come from ? That alone could give a clue to its Value.

How about giving us more details on the description. Maybe we can try to guess it out. It has been a very long time since I last made my own variable capacitor.

I keep looking for those broken HW-8 Capacitors to try my hand at repairing them. :^)

You would be surprised what you can do with a few spacers, washers and some tin can lids.

I saved Those big coffee can lids for a while. Great Scrap to work with.

I still remember to this day the time when my dad and I made a Water Tower for the train set out of a Peanut Can, Some Coffee Can Lids, a bit of wire and copper tubing. Wish I still had it. Amazing what you can do with a few hand tools and a soldering iron or gun. The new micro torches are fun also. Copper Flashing was a lot more popular in those days, also real tin.

Copper Coins make great washers. I did not say to Deface U.S. Coins :^)

Many foreign coins are available in brass and copper as well as aluminum, for next to nothing at the right places.

Once upon a time, they could be had for just about free at the Airport. Now, I think the international Charities ask for them on the Airplane. :^)

Enough rambling for tonight. Good luck on the Learning experience. Anyone can hook up a tank circuit and measure it with one of the new fancy analyzers, but not everyone can or will take the time to learn how to measure and/or make their own capacitors.

Now I am wondering how many have done it at one time or another?

I'll Bet there are many on this list that have...

Now where is my Oatmeal Box? Aluminum Foil and Waxed Paper? Copper and Aluminum Flashing? How many Soup Can Lids does it take to make a 365mmf Var. Cap. ?

Next thing we will have a "REAL Homebrew" Junk box/Trash Can Rig. :^)

Good luck and keep the fun in QRPP.

Sir George, The First :^)

72 ES

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Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 02:35:08 -0500 (EST)
From: George Gingell <k3tk@u1.abs.net>
To: QRP List <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94116] RV3GM Micro-80 xcvr
Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.4.33.0103140218470.55203-100000@u1.abs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

While I can't personally vouch for Him or his Micro-80 xcvr kit, I do seem to recall that it Once appeared in SPRAT (G-qrp Club Journal). I definately recall the Callsign. As for him making a lot on it, you must be kidding. \$ 20 CASH (U.S. Greenback) Wrapped in heavy paper so that it can't easily be seen, else it will not arrive at the destination. :^)

I believe he said Postpaid at that. I have mailed packages to several countries around the world, believe me, it can be more expensive than the product is worth in some cases.

I would guess that Drom Oleg is trying to pay for his hobby of QRPing with his small venture.

Have any of you ever thought to Mail an Old Handbook or a Few selected Ham Radio Magazines or Old CATalogs to some of our friends in far places?

I have sent Packages to a few over the years. Maybe we should stop and think about things like these now and then. Not all of our DX QRP Friends can afford to Join QRP ARCI, G-QRP, NorCal, Etc., But I am definately sure that they do appreciate anything that you might wish to send.

In many cases, you would not only be gaining a friend, but you might be helping someone to begin a lifelong Career in Radio and Electronics.

No, I do not know Oleg personally, but that won't stop me from sending him something.

Sir George, The First :^)

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Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2001 23:12:23 -1000
From: w6ors@juno.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [94117] Yaesu
Message-ID: <20010313.231233.-1857933.8.w6ors@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Am in need of a battery and charger for a 2M handheld Yaesu model FT-207R.

The battery is a FMB-2, 10.8V @ 450 mA NiCad.
The desk charger has a Yaesu number NC-2.

If anyone has just the charger, I'd be interested.

Please reply off List es 73/72,
Corky W6ORS
Hilo HI
Never test the depth of the water with both feet.

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Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 09:12:27
From: "Leon Heller" <leon_heller@hotmail.com>
To: donkc0gmf@juno.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [94118] Re: Laura Halliday VE7LDH , WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
Message-ID: <F91t1MazUSxvjPkQTGp0000c665@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

>Hello Laura,
> My subspace translator is in the shop. Would you be so kind as to
>translate:
>"Que les nuages soient notre pied a terre..." - Hospital/Shafte
>

I've forgotten most of my french, but I'll have a go: "The clouds will be
our home."

73, Leon

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Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 06:20:42 -0500
From: John R Kirby <n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [94119] Rejuvenate toroidal cores
Message-ID: <20010314.062205.-242695.0.n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Aging or damaged cores ((damaged from high saturating DC current spikes))
can be revived by passing low frequency AC current through them !

The secondary of a filament transformer could be connected through a
variable resistor to a few windings on the core.

First, set the resistor to saturate the core then back the current down
slowly to zero.

This procedure may not work for cores damaged by heat.

John
N3AAZ
FM 19 xa

ANXEB
RLYZC
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GKVWH

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Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 05:45:32 -0700 (MST)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [94120] Jumpers
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.31.0103140528300.815-100000@cannac.ampr.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Last evening UPS delivered 25 male PL-257 connectors and 25 Reducing Adapters for RG-58 Cable. I bought these from MPJA at web site

www.mpja.com

and they cost \$28.05 delivered to Las Cruces, NM. They are located in FL. I have been waiting for these because I want to change the darn RG-213 jumpers in the shack to RG-58 which is much easier to work with. For example, The RG-213 jumper to the SMK-1 is larger than the rig! You can pick up the rig by the antenna cable.

So the Adapter package has the length of the cuts you make to the RG-58 coax and I did it as exactly like they say as possible. I found sometimes it works, and some times it don't. I kept an ohm meter handy and found a lot of shorted connectors before soldering them. The first 2 went fine, no problems. The third I tried to "fix" and wasted 45 minutes before just cutting off the bad and starting over.

Finally got 3 RG-213 jumpers replaced but it took all evening. Sure nice though not to see those big snakes behind the rigs. When I was QR0ooooo I needed the big coax to handle the 1500 watts. All I make now is 50 watts when I'm net control for the New Mexico Beakfast Club on Sunday morning.

Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 08:06:02 -0500
From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: ".QRP-L Discussion Group" <QRP-L@Lehigh.edu>
Cc: ")W.D.(Doc)Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
Subject: [94121] For Sale--HF Preamplifier
Message-ID: <200103140806_MC2-C8B0-BCC3@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Disposition: inline

Gang:

For Sale--Palomar Transceiver Preamplifier. Covers 1.8-54 mHz. Excellen=
t
condition. Complete with original documentation =3D \$105.00 which includ=

es
shipping to your Stateside address. Thanks.

72,
--Doc/K0EVZ

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 07:05:52 -0600
From: "Kanalz, Karl" <Karl.Kanalz@allegiancetelecom.com>
To: "'k3hw@yahoo.com'" <k3hw@yahoo.com>, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-
l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [94122] RE: QRP kits for sale
Message-ID:
<E78D8A9D6762D411B5440008C791D4AA04A4985B@dfwex03.allegiancetelecom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

Surely you jest! Oleg specifies dollars, not rubles, *and* his city
is "Lipetsk", not Lipstick.

KK

> -----Original Message-----
> From: Howard Weinstein [SMTP:k3hw@yahoo.com]
> Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2001 4:37 PM
> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
> Subject: Re: QRP kits for sale
>
> QRPers...
> 1. Where can I goet rubles to send to russia? ... or does he want american
> green stamps?
> 2. Is this individual a cosmonaut or does he live on cosmonaut street?
> 3. Where the hell is Lipstick Russia?
> Tnx es 72
> K3HW
>
> --- Oleg Borodin <Oleg.Borodin@p11.f35.n5036.z2.fidonet.org> wrote:
> > Two interest items for QRPers:
> > - PCB for the smallest TRCVR "Micro-80" size 35 x 50 mm with schematic
> > diagram
> > \$5 (include post&packing);
> > - full kit of parts incl.PCB of Micro-80 trcvr \$20 (p&p)
> > The Micro-80 is a direct conversional trcvr for any singl band
> > 80/40/30/20m
> > CW with 4 transistors only, VX0, abt 300 mW output (C)RV3GM. The really
> > smallest TCVR in the World. Cash only, please, keeping at dense paper
> to:

> > Oleg V. Borodin
> > Cosmonaut str. 19-74
> > Lipetsk, RUSSIA, 398043
> > and message by Net-Mail Oleg.Borodin@p11.f35.n5036.z2.fidonet.org
> >
> > eng. Oleg V. Borodin 14 March 2001 00:40
> > ... God keep & bless you...
>

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 06:16:17 -0700
From: Bruce Grubbs <n7ceeqr@earthlink.net>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94123] For sale: Wilderness Sierra, NorCal 20
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010314061559.036f1e28@earthlink.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Wilderness Radio Sierra with KC2 digital display/keyer, noise blanker, all 9 band modules for 160-10 meters. Has front panel ABX control (adjustable bandwidth crystal filter). Carefully assembled, with no mods, in perfect condition electrically and cosmetically. Manual for the Sierra and options included. I will ship in my homebrew custom foam case, which is excellent for field protection of the radio.

Asking \$495, which includes UPS ground to the 48 US states.

Also NorCal 20, assembled, in original NorCal aluminum case with laser transparency labels and acrylic spray coating. Keyer instructions on top panel of case. Has 10 turn pot tuning mod, AGC mod, and rear panel power switch mod. Works perfectly and the case is in perfect condition. Includes all documentation.

I'm asking \$95, which includes UPS ground to the 48 US states.

73,
Bruce

Bruce Grubbs
N7CEE
Flagstaff, Arizona
DM45ef

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 08:18:58 -0500 (EST)
From: "John L. Sielke" <w2agn@pobox.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94124] Early Bird...
Message-ID: <XFMail.010314081858.w2agn@pobox.com>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
MIME-Version: 1.0

Woke up at 4:30 AM this morning, so turned on the Argonaut II in the bedroom.
Worked VK9NS on Norfolk Island on 7.003 with 5w. Hard to go back to sleep.

John W2AGN

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 05:29:59 -0800 (PST)
From: Curt Milton <wb8yyy@yahoo.com>
To: donkc0gmf@juno.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [94125] Re: Laura Halliday VE7LDH , WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
Message-ID: <20010314132959.95185.qmail@web9613.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

notre pied a terre = your foot on the ground

but i confess i need to find a dictionary for nuages
soient

we in America (except for Laura) are too
mono-lingual!

curt wb8yyy

--- Don KC0GMF <donkc0gmf@juno.com> wrote:
> Hello Laura,
> My subspace translator is in the shop. Would you
> be so kind as to
> translate:
> "Que les nuages soient notre pied a terre..." -
> Hospital/Shafte
>

> Thaaaaaank Yooooooooou,
> Don KC0GMF
> "CW, the Boot Camp of Amateur Radio"
> DonKC0GMF@juno.com
>
> > Laura Halliday VE7LDH "Que les nuages soient
> notre
> > Grid: CN89mg pied a terre..."
> > ICBM: 49 15.042 N 122 59.053 W -
Hospital/Shafte

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Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 08:51:26 -0500
From: "Paul" <cybrinjn@gis.net>
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94126] Re: Laura Halliday VE7LDH , WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
Message-ID: <004501c0ac8d\$de2c8640\$d32129d8@cybrinjn>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

----- Original Message -----
From: Curt Milton <wb8yyy@yahoo.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2001 8:29 AM
Subject: Re: Laura Halliday VE7LDH , WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

> notre pied a terre = your foot on the ground

'Pied a terre' may very well be an idiomatic expression, as it is used in English sometimes to mean a city dwelling for someone who lives outside of the city, a place to stay if work or play keeps one in the city too late to return to the country home.

>
> but i confess i need to find a dictionary for nuages

nuage = cloud. nuage can also be used in a poetic sense too, just as it can

in English.

> soient
>

soient = first person plural subjunctive form of the verb, 'etre', to be.
Usually preceded by 'que', as in "qu'ils soient contents..." = " may they be happy..."

> we in America (except for Laura) are too
> mono-lingual!
>
> curt wb8yyy
>
> --- Don KC0GMF <donkc0gmf@juno.com> wrote:
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> >
> > > Laura Halliday VE7LDH "Que les nuages soient
> > notre
> > > Grid: CN89mg pied a terre..."
> > > ICBM: 49 15.042 N 122 59.053 W -
> Hospital/Shafte
>
>
> -----
> Do You Yahoo!?
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> <http://auctions.yahoo.com/>
>

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 07:17:04 -0600
From: david gauding <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94127] FS: Ten-Tec 1320 Kit (unbuilt)
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010313214125.02b75020@bbs.galilei.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Good morning,

Selling my Ten-Tec No. 1320, 20M transceiver kit (unbuilt).

As shipped by Ten-Tec, shrink-wrap intact.

\$90 includes shipping to US fifty.

Thank you,

de Dave, NF0R nf0r@slacc.com

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 09:53:44 -0500
From: Rick Robinson <rerobins@email.uncc.edu>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94128] Re: Laura Halliday VE7LDH , WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
Message-ID: <v03102809b6d5349632f6@[152.15.144.71]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I just ran Laura's sig through freetranslation.com

Que les nuages soient notre pied a terre What the clouds be our foot has
earth

OK, I understand now.

72,

Rick kf4ar

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 10:22:02 -0500
From: "Paul" <cybrinjn@gis.net>

To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94129] Re: Laura Halliday VE7LDH , WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
Message-ID: <002301c0ac9a\$a13dd920\$594929d8@cybrinjn>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Heh. No wonder it's free. It's a dumb word-by-word translator. A real translation program would attempt to do at least some kind of crude parsing, sort of like we did in sixth grade. It would know that a sentence starting with 'que' must be subjunctive. It can't be faulted, however, for not knowing that the 'a' in 'pied-a-terre', the preposition 'to' or 'at', is missing the accent grave (`), which would distinguish it from the third person singular form of 'avoir'.

Has anybody tried this through Babelfish? Do they still exist?

Paul KB1GEJ

----- Original Message -----

From: Rick Robinson <rerobins@email.uncc.edu>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2001 9:53 AM
Subject: Re: Laura Halliday VE7LDH , WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

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Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 09:13:27 -0700

From: "Steve/n0tu" <n0tu@webaccess.net>
To: "QRP-L" <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [94130] Milliwatts getting lost? (lil'long)
Message-ID: <000701c0aca1\$e288c460\$b0561d82@sg2939h>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yesterday morning before work, I was melting solder on my 'ugly' 20mSST. Had the K2 in beacon mode chiming out a 20mW CQ(That's as in .02 watts) near 7039 KHz just for FUN. Finally, after 20 minutes and no takers I stop the beacon CQ and I left for another cup of mud. Came back to shut things down before heading to the shower when I heard ..."n0tu de wa8zbt" a good 579! - Dennis in TX calling me! What!?!... this guy really heard my 20mWWOW!! Pretty amazing!!

I guess I needent worry about how many of my millwatts are geting lost in the transmission line afterall. I have over 260' of 300 ohm twin lead (RS foam) feeding my inverted vee. Which sits 45' up on top of 21' fishing pole on top of 24' -2" military mast guy w/rope at 20'. Top is flexed over but she rides in the wind like she's going to stay awhile.

I've often thought my feedline setup was 'less than wonderful'. Not counting the run up the mast, It lays exposed to the elements on the ground for 80', runs under ground twisting through a 6' plastic pipe w/6 other cables for 100' and finally snakes through the subfloor for 30-40' to the ATU/rig. Pretty much breaks all the rules as far as keeping the feedline away from metal(or conductive) objects! BUT either conditions were very good (this is possibly the case) for my 20mW QS0, or my feedline setup ain't as bad as I thought? But some those mW must be getting out!! Like someone else here said, put up the best antenna you can muster and just USE it! And let the 'mojo' flow.

Steven0tu

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 10:52:07 -0500
From: Lito <lito@rpp.com.pe>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [94131] unsubscribe
Message-ID: <saaf4d81.062@rppsmtp.rpp.com.pe>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Content-Disposition: inline

unsubscribe

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 11:08:56 US/Eastern
From: n2cx@voicenet.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94132] Re: Laura Halliday VE7LDH , WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
Message-ID: <200103141608.f2EG8vr76526@nss4.cc.lehigh.edu>

Ah, she has her head in the cluds and her feet on the ground...

Joe E.

> Subject: Re: Laura Halliday VE7LDH , WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
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This message was sent using Voicenet WebMail.
<http://www.voicenet.com/webmail/>

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 11:42:34 -0500
From: "Tracy" <tracy@bytemark.com>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94133] RE: Magnetized baluns and bad HW-8 cores
Message-ID: <NCBBICHAOKICOGKID00GCEONEGAA.tracy@bytemark.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

<snip>

I did not try running a steadily decreeseasing alternating current through them, although lots of people say that works.

<snip>

NOPE - it's been our experience that once a toroidal core is damaged, ferrite or powdered iron, it's pretty much gone. And, yes, there are many electrical and magnetic conditions that can render a core totally useless, yet it still 'appears' completely normal.

Tracy Markham

Amidon / ByteMark

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 16:51:36
From: "laura halliday" <marsgal42@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94134] Re: Laura Halliday VE7LDH , WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
Message-ID: <F83qNHKE8diHNKQ1Ua000094ba@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

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Grid: CN89mg pied a terre..."
ICBM: 49 15.042 N 122 59.053 W - Hospital/Shafte

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Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 10:07:27 -0800
From: Paul Maciel <ak1p@earthlink.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94135] Spring QRPP - Renew now!
Message-ID: <3AAFB35F.E1308CA3@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I just got the word from Doug that the Spring 2001 issue of QRPP is about to go to the printer. So if you don't want to miss out on this great issue you have to get your new or renewal subscription requests to Jim right away so I can enter them into the label database.

The subscription rate is \$15 for US and Canada, \$20 DX. Send your checks or money orders made out to Jim Cates not NorCal to:

Jim Cates WA6GER
3241 Eastwood Rd.
Sacramento, CA 95821

Thanks and 72,
---Paul AK1P

PS If you have any questions on your subscription status send e-mail to ak1p@arrl.net

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 12:10:04 -0500
From: "AI2Q Alex" <ai2q@adelphia.net>
To: <marsgal42@hotmail.com>, "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94136] RE: Laura Halliday VE7LDH , WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
Message-ID: <000701c0aca9\$9daa2d40\$df0cf618@alex>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yes Laura, machine translators may not do an acceptable job.

The tale of the first Washington-to-Moscow hotline translator makes the point. After its installation, an initial test was made. The Americans sent the old phrase: "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Back came the translated reply from the Kremlin: "The vodka is good, but the beef is lousy."

Vy 73, AI2Q, Alex in Kennebunk, Maine QRP-L 687 .-.-.

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU] On Behalf Of
laura halliday
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2001 4:52 PM
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
Subject: Re: Laura Halliday VE7LDH , WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

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Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 13:41:37 EST
From: SJWHITTON@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94137] Now What?
Message-ID: <a6.114e4b12.27e11561@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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K9IS

Steve Whitton

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 13:46:12 -0500
From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: "INTERNET:SJWHITTON@aol.com" <SJWHITTON@aol.com>
Cc: ".QRP-L Discussion Group" <QRP-L@Lehigh.edu>, "W.D.(Doc)Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
Subject: [94138] Now What?
Message-ID: <200103141346_MC2-C8D4-F957@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Disposition: inline

Steve and Gang:

Keep watching the reflector for upcoming FOX activities. Some exciting things are in the offing. Also, there will be both regular and Cub Hunts this coming summer. But again, watch for some exciting things _ad interim_ :-). BTW, I am also already experiencing FOX hunt withdrawal, and may have to seek medical help [g].

72,

--Doc/K0EVZ

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 13:49:38 -0500
From: John Wagner <john@neknetwork.com>
To: SJWHITTON@aol.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94139] Re: Now What?
Message-ID: <3AAFBD42.769D5E40@neknetwork.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The Cub hunt will happen again in the spring/summer. I can't speak for

the Fox hunts but I suspect the same is true for them as well.

The spring/summer Cub hunt will be on 20m. More info will follow as it becomes available.

73,

John, KB1ENS

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John Wagner - john@neknetwork.com

Web page: <http://www.neknetwork.com>

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 13:56:01 -0500

From: ed.kwik@delphiauto.com

To: SJWHITTON@aol.com

Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [94140] Re: Now What?

Message-ID: <05256A0F.0068023B.00@uskokg99.delcoelect.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Disposition: inline

Well on Tuesdays nights at 9:00 PM there is the Michigan QRP net. 3.535 MHz.
AB8DF NCS.

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 13:12:42 -0600

From: Jim Giammanco <giamman@rouge.phys.lsu.edu>

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [94141] OPERATING - USS Kidd

Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.20010314131242.007ff9b0@127.0.0.1>

Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I'm heading for the ship, probably on the air by 1930 to 1945 Z. I'll do about 30 minutes near 28440 SSB, then go to 14060 CW and stay there until around 2200 Z or slightly later

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Jim N5IB
W5KID, USS Kidd, Baton Rouge LA

Jim Giammanco, N5IB and Trustee of W5YW, the LSU club station

<n5ib@juno.com> mail at the home QTH
<giamman@rouge.phys.lsu.edu> mail at LSU Physics and Astronomy
<<http://www.qsl.net/n5ib>> N5IB home page
<<http://www.phys.lsu.edu/faculty/giammanco/giammanco.html>>
faculty home page
(225) 388-8278 [voice-LSU] 225-388-5855 [fax-LSU]
LSU Dept. of Physics & Astronomy, 202 Nicholson Hall
Baton Rouge LA 70803-4001

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 15:57:54 -0500
From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: Eduardo Docampo <edocampo@namb.net>
Cc: "W.D.(Doc)Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>, ".QRP-L Discussion Group" <QRP-L@Lehigh.edu>, "(Richard Farley" <dsbfrf@btigate.com>, John Miller <dsbfjm@btigate.com>
Subject: [94142] Hotel reservations
Message-ID: <200103141558_MC2-C8C8-2989@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Disposition: inline

Eduardo:

Here is ther hotel information for your trip to Bismarck. The hotel is t= he
Expressway Suites at 180 E. Bismarck Espressway, Bismarck. The hotel pho= ne

is 701-222-3311.

We have booked one room, one person, one night only, non-smoking, for the= night of March 20, 2001. The confirmation # is 34548 and the room is in your name.

Please let me know of your flight information, as I plan to meet you at t= he plane. Thanks, and we are looking forward to your visit. See you soon.

--Doc Lindsey

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 13:02:15 -0800 (PST)
From: Curt Milton <wb8yyy@yahoo.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94143] Re: Now What?
Message-ID: <20010314210215.95680.qmail@web9606.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Well its like this, you have, well, QSO's with
whomever is on the air running whatever power they
have or want to using hollow or solid state - there
are always folk on most of the bands! its great we
have so many focused operating activities - but they
need not be an end to themselves! and if you want to
try something new - the VHF bands often get hot in the
spring. and so are opportunities to more easily work
the other hemisphere. but of course here in the
northern hemisphere our less QRN season is ending ...
just build, improve your station and make QSO's - and
maybe have conversations in the process. my two cents
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curt wb8yyy

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Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 15:50:05 -0500

From: "ZOOM" <kandrparker@sympatico.ca>

To: <rerobins@email.uncc.edu>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [94144] Re: Laura Halliday VE7LDH , WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Message-ID: <000901c0acc8\$f3a6b780\$39cdfea9@einstein>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

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Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 13:43:49 -0800
From: "blinn" <blinn@smgazette.com>
To: <kandrparker@sympatico.ca>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [94145] Re: Laura Halliday VE7LDH , WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
Message-ID: <002e01c0accf\$dc5d8ca0\$9cb8e5d8@blinn>
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Bill - WA7TQK

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From: ZOOM <kandrparker@sympatico.ca>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2001 1:04 PM
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Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 15:56:06 -0600

From: Michael Melland <badger@vbe.com>

To: QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [94146] Memorable Qso - WI QSO Party

Message-ID: <NEBBLKAGEKBNGELOFFCAIEBECGAA.badger@vbe.com>

MIME-version: 1.0

Content-type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"

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Last Sunday I was working stations during the Wisconsin qso party when I got a call from N4WIS. I commented on the similarity of the call and.... boy was I in for a surprise. N4WIS is the new club shack operating in Norfolk, VA from a great old lady.... BB-64, the battleship USS Wisconsin !! What's chances of that happening.... he didn't even realize it was the Wisconsin qso party. The ship was re-retired after serving in every American conflict since it was commissioned during WW2. It was brought to sea again during the Gulf War when it fired some of the first salvo's of cruise missiles ... and fired the first (and I'm afraid last) salvos of 16 inch naval guns (2700 lb AP or 1900 lb HE projectiles... 25+ mile range... no qrp here) at targets inside Kuwait on ground support missions. Reports from the Iraqis indicated that they feared the Wisconsin almost more then the bombers. Those big "oil drums" really sing on the way over.

I have some family ties to old BB-64... and we in Wisconsin were saddened to learn that this grand old lady couldn't come home... she's too big and drafts too much to navigate the St. Lawrence Seaway. The ship is now going to serve as a museum in Norfolk. The last thing I said to N4WIS was to take darn good care of our ship !

73 de Mike, W9WIS

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Michael Melland, W9WIS
QRP-L #1656 QRPARCI #9875
SOC #142 IPARC #252
EN54pc Winnebago Cty, Wisc.

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 16:04:03 -0500
From: "Ed Manuel (N5EM)" <n5em@flash.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94147] Mounting Brackets
Message-ID: <4.3.2.7.2.20010314160126.00b52ad0@pop.flash.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Gang,

I remember from Dayton a booth that specialized in special mobile brackets for just about anything you would ever like to mount (cellphones, GPS, etc). Getting ready to put the radios in a new car and would really like to find any information on this company. Their booth was right across the aisle from Surplus Sales of Nebraska if that helps. I was hoping for a web site I could look for the parts I need.

Thanks for the help.

Ed Manuel, N5EM
Houston, Tx
n5em@amsat.org

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 14:04:09 -0800
From: <schoon@amgt.com>
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>, <blinn@smgazette.com>
Subject: [94148] RE: Laura Halliday VE7LDH , WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
Message-ID: <c=US%a=_%p=American_Geotech%l=AG-CALCITE-BDC-010314220409Z-799@ag-basalt-pxy.amgt.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
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She'll change it now!! Just when we figured it out!! :)

.mark

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Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 22:09:43 +0000
From: Paul Brice-Stevens <paul@g0wat.demon.co.uk>
To: gqrp@yahoogroups.com
Cc: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94149] D68C with QRP/QRPP - Tnx for sending info
Message-ID: <MgRh9LAnw+r6EwrC@g0wat.demon.co.uk>
MIME-Version: 1.0

To QRP-L and G-QRP list

Many thanks for all your stories of working D68C with low power, far too many to answer individually...I have passed on this information to D68C team members and hopefully we should see some publicity for QRP in the forthcoming articles on the DX'pedition...

Once again many thanks I can assure you that all the D68C members were grateful to have you work them and pleased to give you a new country.
73/72

Paul
G0WAT
CDXC etc..

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Paul Brice-Stevens

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 14:30:47 -0800
From: "J. D. Spittle VE7QK" <jds@vcn.bc.ca>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [94150] CA3020 Driver for Epiphytes

Message-ID: <3.0.6.32.20010314143047.007afb00@mail.vcn.bc.ca>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

NN7P advises me that the following distributor has a limited supply of these ICs in stock:-

D.W. ELECTRONICS
1411 S COUNCIL RD.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73128
1-800-370-3390

Derry VE7QK

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 16:48:26 -0600
From: david gauding <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94151] Re: Milliwatts getting lost? (lil'long)
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010314115356.02b8e1d0@bbs.galilei.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Steve/NOTU,

I read your "milliwatts lost" post over my second cup today. It made my morning! So much so that I immediately started on this lengthy eye-roller!

You CO guys really have it together out there! One caveat! If you fix that antenna and feedline those 20mW contacts may disappear forever! <g>

I like to think we need the real RF engineers (and even self-styled ones with heads screwed on right) to get us on the straight & narrow path when it comes to antennas. The real EE's are paid real money to do such work, typically in the interests of making a profit or maintaining a budget. With that in mind they can provide a balanced real-world perspective and I tend to listen and learn from them.

But, there is a point where the hair-splitting (over losses in db, angles of radiation, zones, propagation, et al) needs to remain behind in the lab (or free-space) to provide a benchmark. What happens to the antenna installed in the backyard reflects reality. There are too many uncontrollables there. Consequently, one has to take a hard look at the cost-benefit ratio to determine just how much time should be devoted to productive (and measurable) tweaking.

The professional RF types seem to know when it's time to back-off and take a seat. Especially when dealing with us "civilians", so to speak. They also lean towards educating instead of pontificating, though not always. It's the loose-cannon type amateur (with or without an agenda) starting or sustaining rumors (or beating a dead horse) who we have to worry about!

Jumping back twenty-two years, the fellow teaching our novice class was ill one week and the sponsoring club provided his replacement. That guy was (and still is) a well-respected DXer and a very good elmer. A friend now, actually.

But, during the mid-evening break he started detailing to the group what gear we were going to need to get on the air with our novice tickets and do well. That to him was absolutely nothing less than a TS-830S with outboard VFO, an amp, a tower and a tri-bander. Plus a certain paddle, keyer, microphone and so forth. Anything less would invite failure, disappointment, etc. And, he was dead serious!

The next week, two students (out of twenty odd) did not attend and never returned to finish the course. I never really thought about that again seriously until I met one of them in jam session at a bluegrass festival about three years ago. One of those "don't I know you" conversations.

To make a long one a short one, our substitute elmer scared this prospective amateur away from the hobby with his personal opinion of how life on the air had to be structured. As a young family man, there was no way he could afford the minimum recommended station and he would have been an indoor operator anyway at that time. A shame really that such a dialog took place. An unfortunate oversight and it shouldn't have happened.

This same situation is repeated over and over again even between experienced hams over rigs and antennas, especially antennas. If I listened to all "you gotta' do this, or else" chatter on QRP-L, I might never go on the air again. Well, not really but it makes you ask sometimes if what we do is actually a hobby?

So like N0TU mentioned in his original post, just get something up in the air and start operating. You might very well learn more by doing (and failing) than reading about what you are supposed to be using. I prefer to not spend a lot of time listening to the tub thumpers promote themselves but you can still learn from them too.

Finally, unless your are committing a super-horrible RF-type sin, there is nothing more annoying that having some one come up and declare what you have chosen for operating is not working. It's equivalent to saying' " Hey, I had fun at the party". Then this guy counters with "No you didn't"! What a bummer! And, he wasn't even there! Where do we find such men, you ask? Why right here on QRP-L. <g>

I for one love developing non-traditional antenna, feedline and radial combinations that work. It takes a lot of time doing the cut & try bit but what a great past time, if that makes sense. Especially if the packaging exercise is conducive to portable operations, which I dearly love. For a totally non-technical person like myself this kind of experimenting with almost immediate feedback is like a big chocolate sundae with whipped-cream, nuts and a cherry. Go Dave!

So when some one asks how am I doing with whatever I'm running at the time, I respond with "Here, look at the log"! I mean just how hard is it to look right in there and figure it out!

It's a heck of a lot easier than comparing whatever I'm using on the air to a technical text and interpolating. By then the DX or the sly Fox is probably gone anyway! I suppose most adults can make value judgements on something as fundamental as we are discussing here. But, you never know! <g>

In any case, what a hobby! We are so fortunate to have it available to us. I hope I never lose my sense of wonder using radio to talk to someone across town or on the other side of the planet.

Regards,

de Dave, NF0R nf0r@slacc.com

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 17:59:55 -0500
From: "w2xn" <w2xn@netzero.net>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [94152] test - do not read
Message-ID: <000a01c0acda\$83396a80\$0fdcd73f@pavilion>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

test from new email address

Shop online without a credit card
<http://www.rocketcash.com>
RocketCash, a NetZero subsidiary

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 18:15:28 -0500
From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: ".QRP-L Discussion Group" <QRP-L@Lehigh.edu>
Cc: ")W.D.(Doc)Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
Subject: [94153] [re]Hotel Reservations--Oops
Message-ID: <200103141815_MC2-C8CF-A9D9@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Disposition: inline

Gang:

Very sorry one posting accidentally got sent to the reflector. Please
forgive the BW.

72,
--Doc/K0EVZ

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 16:41:35 -0700
From: "Mugleston, Brad" <brad.mugleston@gwl.com>
To: CQC <cqclist@egroups.com>, qrp-l <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [94154] Hiking
Message-ID: <F9645092A142D3118CBD00805F15292E123F97C6@eb-mail1.gwl.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

My son is thinking of hiking about 150 miles of the Colorado Trail this
spring. Does anyone know if there are any repeaters that he could hit along
the way? If so what parts of the trail are available and what frequency(s)?
I'd feel much better if he could take along something to phone home with
once in awhile (Yes, I know when I was his age I would disappear for weeks
at a time and never checked in but that was then and this is now).

He could take along a CW rig but that gets even more iffy in making a contact and more weight to carry (but he's strong - his dad would feel better, maybe my TS-830S, a big deep cycle battery and a beam)

de KI00T, Brad
Father to KB0SJY, Derek

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 17:46:38 -0600
From: Jim Giammanco <giamman@rouge.phys.lsu.edu>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [94155] OPERATING - USS Kidd
Message-ID: <3AB002DE.102B166@rouge.phys.lsu.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I made it to the ship with my K-2 with the new KAT2 installed and gave it a shakedown cruise. Tuned up the end-fed wire antenna under 2:1, so good enough.

The Log:

KG4GCZ, Brian, TN
W2HDW, Ed, NJ
K80AN, Jerry, WV
W3PO, Pat, Annapolis MD (how's that for a random QSO with a Navy ship)
K1KID, Carl, MA (this is real twilight zone stuff now)
KB1ENS, John, VT (I recognize as a QRP-L member)
W5USJ, Chuck, TX (another QRP-Ler)
all the above 14061 CW, 5 W

KC2AXU, Werner, NY
W6DJY, Lon, CA (at the the Kenwood Club on a TS-2000)
W6BYK, Al, CA
W1GNK, Jim, CT
WA9QWX, Ron, AZ
these above on 28440 ssb, 10 W PEP

A nice afternoon break. Especially nice to work list members, and cool to work the TS-2000 - latest storebought rig to the best kit rig - BTW he gave me the same RST I gave him :^))

Hope to get to work more of you another time

72,
Jim N5IB

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